

TRIBUTE TO ABIGAIL M. POLUS

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 1995

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize an exceptional young woman from my district who has recently accepted her appointment as a member of the class of 1999 at the U.S. Military Academy.

Abigail M. Polus will soon graduate Bowling Green High School after 4 years of outstanding academic achievements as well as extra-curricular involvement. While in high school Abigail has distinguished herself as a leader among her peers. She is an outstanding student and patriot.

Mr. Speaker, one of the most important responsibilities of Members of Congress is to identify outstanding young men and women and to nominate them for admission to the U.S. service academies. While at the academy, they will be the beneficiaries of one of the finest educations available, so that in the future, they might be entrusted with the very security of our Nation.

I am confident that Abigail Polus has both the ability and the desire to meet this challenge. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating her for her accomplishments to date and to wish her the best of luck as she begins her career in service to our country.

THE SPIRIT OF BLOOMFIELD

HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 1995

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent the Bloomfield neighborhood of Pittsburgh, PA, where the Bloomfield Citizens Council [BCC] will be celebrating the Spirit of Bloomfield on May 5, 1995. This Spirit of Bloomfield celebration will feature a recognition of outstanding local residents who have made major contributions to the quality of life in this community. These men and women exemplify the ideal neighborhood resident who is dedicated to strengthening the social fabric of his or her community. It is men and women like those being honored by the Bloomfield Citizens Council who have helped to make our country the great Nation it is today. It is fitting that the House should have this opportunity to reflect on the good works of these individuals.

Patty Ladasky is this year's recipient of the Mary Cercone Outstanding Citizen Award. Patricia Ann Ladasky is known as the infamous Patty from Bloomfield to the public officials, neighborhood community groups, and publications. She is a professional staff writer for the Spirit of Bloomfield Family Magazine. Patty's events calendar and special event feature stories are treasured sources of information for local residents. She has also given thousands of hours of dedication and volunteer work on behalf of the entire Bloomfield community. Patty is known for her willingness to be on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, in previous years as vice president and board of directors member of the Bloomfield Citizens Council. She also helped to coordinate the BCC's re-

sponse to neighborhood disaster like the toxic spill of April 1987 and the Taylor street fire, on January 17, 1993. Patty has also volunteered and held office with the Immaculate Conception School and is community liaison for WQED TV station for BCC. Patty has been married to Johnny Ladasky for 28 years and has a daughter, Wendy Anne, and a son, John.

Dr. Jack Hill has been selected for the 1995 Lifetime Achievement Award for his years of dedicated service to the advancement of clinical application of medicine in the fields of hematology, oncology, and internal medicine. In his 32 years at the Western Pennsylvania Hospital, he has touched the lives of Bloomfield residents with extraordinary sensitivity and concern for patients. He has been on staff of this hospital since 1963 where he has served as president of the medical staff, chief of the division of hematology and medical oncology, and chairman of the department of medicine. Dr. Hill is also a member of the clinical faculty of the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. He also appears twice a week on KDKA channel 2 noon news presenting "Ask the Doctor" reports. He has been honored repeatedly by the medical profession and on October 18, 1991, received the Governor's Special Recognition Award by the American College of Physicians for educating the Pittsburgh community about medical issues. Dr. Hill and his wife, Margaret (Peggy) McMurray, have been married for 36 years and have two sons, a daughter, and three granddaughters.

Sister Donna Smith is being honored with the Outstanding Youth Dedication Award for her commitment and innovative ability to stimulate intellectual curiosity in the students of Immaculate Conception. She is known for her dedication to the total child and her focus on helping children build character and develop personally. Sister Donna grew up on a farm in Butler and entered the sisters of the Holy Spirit in 1985 after having worked for many years as an engineering technician at American Glass Research. Sister Donna is currently working on her Masters Degree in Elementary Administration at Duquesne University where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education. Sister Donna was assigned to Immaculate Conception in Bloomfield as a teacher in January 1989 and made her first vows as a Sister of the Holy Spirit in August of 1989. Sister Donna will make her final vows in August 1995.

Joedda Sampson has been selected to receive the Bloomfield Historical Preservation Award for her visionary approach and use of the Henry B. Lynch Victoria Mansion on Winebiddle Street. Joedda Sampson purchased the property and realized her dream of developing "Victoria Hall: A Celebration Center" with strong support from the BCC and local residents. She is married to Ben Sampson and she has one daughter and eight stepchildren.

Herman Mitchell is being honored with the Dedicated Service Award for his years of service with the Pittsburgh City Police Department since 1958. Commander Mitchell retired last year after serving and protecting the people of Pittsburgh for 36 years. He held a number of key positions with the police department and was commander of the Community Oriented Police [C.O.P.] Division when he retired. He

and his wife, Franzelle, have 8 children and 17 grandchildren.

Jerry McFadden is the recipient of this year's Neighborhood Loyalty Award. Sergeant McFadden retired from the Pittsburgh City Police Department on October 14, 1994, after 26 years of service. He won the praise of many Bloomfield residents during his service as head of the Crime Prevention Unit. His final year and half of police duty was a supervisor on the new C.O.P. program. He resides in Greenfield with his wife, Mary E., and are the parents of Jerry, Sean, and Heather.

Ken Slaughter is being honored with the Community Commitment Award for his service as a police officer in the Bloomfield community. Officer Slaughter currently serves as Crime Prevention Officer and also serves on the BCC Professional Advisory Board. Officer Slaughter grew up in the Hill District and is a graduate of Schenley High School.

Kurt Kondrich has been selected to receive the Extra Mile Award for his dedication to working closely with the BCC and the residents of Bloomfield as an officer with the Pittsburgh City Police Department. Officer Kondrich earned a B.A. Degree in Criminology from Indiana University and served as a police officer in Atlanta and with the Lee County, Florida Sheriff Department. He also serves on the Professional Advisory Board of the BCC. Officer Kondrich is the son of Ted and Marsha and was raised in Plum Boro.

Mr. Speaker, I want to also commend to the Members of the U.S. House of Representatives the men and women of Bloomfield who have been honored for their service to the defense of the United States of America. The following individuals have been given The Catholic War Veterans Patriotism Award: Regis Linn, Pete Fantone, Angelo Tabuso, Patricia Jean Donatelli Melfi, Norma Jean Donatelli Feigel, and Nina Rodgers. The following were selected to receive The Veterans of Foreign Wars Patriotism Award: Raymond (Ray) Fern, Bill Reynolds, Joe Wolff, Dorothy Pfennigworth, Mary Jane Kopicki, and Mary Ann (Sis) Stowitsky.

The people of Bloomfield and the city of Pittsburgh are rightfully proud of all of these men and women who have served their community and their Nation. I am pleased to have this opportunity to join in saluting these individuals who have done so much for their fellow citizens.

TRIBUTE TO EDWARD FELDMAN

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 1995

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Edward Feldman, who is completing a 2-year term as chair of the UCLA Governmental Relations Steering Committee. I had the pleasure of working with Ed on nursing home issues when I served in the California Legislature in the 1970's, and can attest to his zeal and dedication in fighting for those causes in which he believes.

A fellow UCLA alumnus, Ed has spent 21 of the past 27 years specializing in the investigation and prosecution of white collar crimes for the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office. His areas of responsibility included the major fraud

division, where he served for more than 11 years, the Nursing Home Abuse Section and the Special Investigations Division. In August 1993, Ed was appointed acting head deputy of the newly formed Workers' Compensation Fraud Division of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office.

Ed recently supplanted his busy professional life with his role as chair of the Governmental Relations Steering Committee, which assists UCLA by providing alumni support for issues coming before Federal, State, and local elected officials. UCLA was lucky to have him.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Ed Feldman, a public servant who works tirelessly to promote social justice. He is a shining example to us all.

RECOGNITION OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL NO. 126

HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 1995

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Columbus Council No. 126 on the occasion of its centennial anniversary of Friday, May 26, 1995. Having attended many of their events over the years, I know first hand the important work this organization does for the community.

I have often said that seniors are the backbone of our community. When I think of who is active in bringing seniors together to socialize and organize on the pressing issues of the day, I think of the members of Columbus Council No. 126. It is no surprise to me that they have had 100 years of success; we have all benefited from their commitment to charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism.

I would like to personally thank the members and leadership of Columbus Council No. 126 for their dedication to service. I know my colleagues in the House of Representatives will join me in wishing this community organization another 100 years of success.

PREVENTING TERRORISM

HON. LEE H. HAMILTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 1995

Mr. HAMILTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I would like to insert my Washington Report for Wednesday, May 3, 1995 into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

PREVENTING TERRORISM

All of us are filled with deep sorrow and anger over the terrorist bombing in Oklahoma City. This brutal tragedy is particularly frightening because it brought terrorism to the nation's heartland.

At the same time, it is inspiring to see the valiant rescue workers and united community spirit as Americans from across the country assist in relief efforts. No country is stronger or more open-hearted in times of crisis. We should also be proud of the remarkable speed of law enforcement officers in arresting suspects and tracing the origins of the crime.

The consequences of these events will be with us for many years. Not least is that the personal insecurity Americans have felt

from random violence and crime will now be increased. Americans are worried about terrorism, but much more worried that it could hit close to them.

Unfortunately, terrorism cannot be stopped simply by catching criminals after a bomb explodes. We must reexamine and intensify our efforts to prevent terrorism.

Immediate Action: There is widespread consensus in Congress to take swift action to give the government enhanced powers to fight terrorism. Congress will quickly pass counterterrorism legislation. It is expected to include:

Law Enforcement: A central counterterrorist task force will be created to coordinate the efforts of different agencies. The President has requested 1,000 additional agents and prosecutors for this effort, which will be focused more on intelligence and prevention than law enforcement.

Criminal Punishment: The Oklahoma City terrorists will be tried under the federal death penalty for terrorist acts, a new provision from last year's crime bill. Terrorist acts include any act of mass destruction that results in death and all attacks on federal property. New legislation will increase criminal penalties and prohibit probation or reduced sentences for terrorist acts or attempted terrorist acts.

Explosives: Congress will consider measures to make chemicals—such as those used in Oklahoma City—less volatile, easier to trace, and more difficult to obtain in large quantities.

State-sponsored Terrorism: While the Oklahoma City bombing appears to be domestic in origin, we must also increase our efforts against terrorism sponsored by other nations. In the past, terrorist actions connected to Libya, Iraq, and other countries have been met with strict economic sanctions, military force, and political isolation.

Nuclear Materials: Counterterrorism legislation will place additional restrictions on the transfer of nuclear materials. The Oklahoma City bombing reinforces the need for strong measures to prevent terrorists from obtaining nuclear technology.

Other: Congress is also expected to, at significant additional cost, enhance security at federal buildings, airports, and ports; strengthen the ability of the government to deport aliens who are connected with terrorist activities; make it easier to use military expertise to investigate terrorist incidents; accelerate research on high-technology surveillance; give broader FBI access to credit card, travel, and phone records of suspected terrorists; freeze U.S. assets of radical foreign groups or individuals that seek political ends through violence; and give the FBI more latitude in eavesdropping—a court surveillance order would still be required, but there would be more flexibility once an order was issued.

The challenge is to protect our civil liberties while also protecting the people. I think it is important to uphold the requirement that law enforcement officials have a reasonable indication of criminal activity before a judge approves surveillance orders. Without such as requirement, it is easy to foresee abuse in monitoring law-abiding groups.

Rhetoric: For a long time I have been concerned about the consequences of virulent political rhetoric. Any public figure today is aware of the mounting anger against government, and it is legitimate to criticize the government for its failings and to offer productive solutions. It is certainly unfair to draw a direct line from rhetoric to acts of violence, and we should resist broad-based and unspecified blame. But it is also true that words have consequences. Sweeping, unfounded denunciations in a democracy are

not healthy, from any political viewpoint. In Oklahoma, anti-government extremists attacked the government. Last week in California, an environmental zealot killed a timber industry executive. We should come out on the side of free speech, but we should also understand that extreme rhetoric, characterizing politics as warfare and political opponents as demons, creates an environment in which unstable persons can be encouraged to commit violent acts.

I think we need a period of toned-down rhetoric. When individuals of any political persuasion exploit or encourage hatred, it divides the country and contributes to the cynicism Americans feel about politics.

Root Causes: The only long-term solution for terrorism is to rise above these divisions and address the political grievances which provoke it. We must try to understand what causes such violent anger, as well as what can be done about it. Progress requires a serious assessment of the successes and failures of government. We need to both confront pressing problems, such as government excesses, job insecurity, and family breakdown, as well as try to clear up gross misperceptions about what government is doing. It is impossible to read some of the claims of various underground groups without recognizing we have a long way to go in understanding the politics of hate.

Conclusion: The long-term impact of the Oklahoma City bombing is uncertain. It may lead to similar incidents, but it may also lead to a more positive assessment of the role of government in society, and more respect for those who serve us. We may even see a renewed emphasis on family and community in our daily lives. I am hopeful for a shift away from confrontation and destructive criticism toward broad, productive cooperation in solving our nation's problems.

STATEMENT HONORING GRACE AZZOLINA SCADUTO

HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 1995

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Grace Azzolina Scaduto on being named "Woman of the Year" by the New Jersey Federation of Republican Women.

This important honor will be bestowed on Mrs. Scaduto at the Federation's 65th annual convention, held May 5-6 in Atlantic City. The Federation is the oldest women's organization in New Jersey and Mrs. Scaduto is its outgoing president.

I can think of no one more deserving of this honor. Mrs. Scaduto is a wonderful person who is deeply dedicated to her family and to her party. She has applied her belief in the opportunities and responsibilities of being an American citizen with conviction, helping others exercise their rights of citizenship. It is reassuring to see someone with this degree of commitment to our system of democracy, especially at a time when there are many whose opinion range from apathy to a belief that Government doesn't work.

Mrs. Scaduto, a well-known business executive, is secretary-treasurer of Food Circus Supermarkets Inc., a 12-store chain that she joined in 1953. She supervised the front-end of the supermarket operation in its formative years and helped formulate company policy and training manuals. She was previously